Reply to Office Action of September 14, 2004

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 59, line 25 and ending on page 60, line 4 as follows:

Since absolute values of both the HL and LH components are greater than the threshold value "16", the block being processed is determined as the <u>non-edge</u> area. Thus, the LL component is divided by 16 and the result is as follows.